

DBS Weekly

DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS / OTTAWA, CANADA

Friday, July 17, 1970

Contents

EXTERNAL TRADE

1. Total Exports, May 1970

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

2. Index of Industrial Production, May 1970

SECURITIES

3. Sales and Purchases of Securities between Canada and Other Countries, April 1970

PRICES

4. Price Movements, June 1970
5. Wholesale Price Indexes, June 1970

TRANSPORTATION

6. Carloadings, Period ended June 21, 1970
7. Railway Operating Statistics, 1969
8. Shipping Statistics, April 1970
9. Canal Statistics, May 1970

TRAVEL

10. Urban Transit, May 1970
11. Passenger Bus Statistics, May 1970

CHEQUES

12. Cheques Cashed in Clearing Centres, April 1970

HOSPITAL

13. Hospital Statistics, Volume I - Hospital Beds, 1968

CONSTRUCTION

14. Building Permits, May 1970

(continued over)

0804-503

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE



TELEPHONE

15. Telephone Statistics, 1969

ENERGY

16. Refined Petroleum Products, April 1970

MERCHANDISING

17. Shopping Centres, 1968
18. Retail Trade, May 1970

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

19. Control and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in Canada, 1968

MANUFACTURING

20. Radio and Television Receiving Sets, April 1970
21. Asphalt and Vinyl-Asbestos Floor Tile, May 1970
22. Asbestos, May 1970
23. Rigid Insulating Board, May 1970
24. Rubber, May 1970
25. Phonograph Records and Pre-Recorded Tapes, May 1970
26. Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics, May 1970
27. Steel Ingots, Week ended July 11, 1970
28. Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers, May 1970
29. Rolled Steel Products, May 1970

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

30. Grain Milling, May 1970
31. Sugar Sales, June 1970
32. Stocks of Dairy and Poultry Products, July 1, 1970
33. Dairy Factory Production, June 1970

SERVICE BULLETINS

34. Service Bulletins

RELEASED THIS WEEK

35. Summarized in the Weekly earlier.

EXTERNAL TRADE

1. Total Exports

The External Trade Division reports that the value of total exports increased to \$1,498,151,000 in May 1970 from \$1,331,716,000 and \$1,204,603,000 in the same month of 1969 and 1968 respectively. January-to-May exports increased to \$6,910,824,000 in 1970 from \$5,993,246,000 in 1969 and \$5,404,195,000 in 1968.

	<u>May</u>		<u>January-May</u>	
	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
	(\$ thousands)			
<u>SELECTED COUNTRIES</u>				
United States.....	902,190	970,934	4,253,601	4,597,775
United Kingdom.....	120,558	173,881	493,778	624,299
Japan.....	59,978	69,717	247,186	324,174
Germany, West.....	24,078	26,384	111,162	133,703
Netherlands.....	15,811	23,979	66,901	97,642
Australia.....	17,118	17,168	66,034	86,541
Belgium & Luxembourg.....	7,933	16,114	43,841	76,970
Norway.....	12,207	21,279	51,560	72,776
Italy.....	8,951	13,819	46,830	67,465
France.....	15,625	14,882	54,932	65,005
People's Republic of China.....	21,165	15,115	54,783	60,564
Venezuela.....	6,696	10,741	28,164	44,714
India.....	11,674	3,690	49,243	33,688
<u>ALL COUNTRIES</u>	1,331,716	1,498,151	5,993,246	6,910,824
<u>SELECTED COMMODITIES</u>				
<u>Food, feed, beverages and tobacco.....</u>	136,449	138,860	548,415	634,656
Wheat.....	54,268	54,026	204,361	224,301
Whisky.....	13,764	11,428	61,807	60,628
<u>Crude materials, inedible.....</u>	233,713	289,571	985,341	1,206,998
Crude Petroleum.....	43,060	46,559	209,444	283,332
Iron ores and concentrates.....	33,274	52,368	96,157	145,125
Nickel in ores, concentrates and scrap	30,693	59,512	125,017	154,846
<u>Fabricated materials, inedible</u>	489,707	544,371	2,215,499	2,531,174
Newsprint paper.....	96,104	97,133	446,171	471,187
Wood pulp, similar pulp	67,949	62,634	301,525	345,892
Lumber, softwood.....	69,014	55,473	316,688	268,381
Aluminum including alloys.....	43,241	51,920	195,902	216,494
Copper and alloys.....	32,080	50,386	139,442	198,993
<u>End products, inedible.</u>	457,981	514,920	2,207,926	2,497,247
Passenger automobiles and chassis...	140,757	169,707	709,624	829,795
Motor vehicle parts, except engines.....	58,291	73,836	289,395	352,267
Trucks, truck tractors and chassis..	43,988	44,326	223,510	240,733
Other motor vehicles.....	4,974	6,521	20,499	30,259
Motor vehicle engines and parts.....	25,877	30,452	129,262	119,394
Aircraft parts, except engines.....	14,822	17,463	75,306	75,128

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

2. Index of Industrial Production (1961=100), May 1970 - Advance information

The seasonally adjusted index of industrial production declined 0.8% to 171.1 in May from a revised April level of 172.5. Manufacturing and utilities were down 1.2% and 1.5% respectively, while mining advanced 2.1%.

Further details will be contained in the DBS publication "Index of Industrial Production" (1961=100), May 1970 (catalogue number 61-005, 20¢/\$2.00).

Seasonally Adjusted Index of Industrial Production

(1961 = 100)

	1961 percentage weights	Mar.	Apr.	May	% Change
Index of Industrial Production	31.851	171.5	172.5	171.1	- 0.8
Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells	4.298	170.6	164.0	167.4	+ 2.1
Metal mines	2.463	148.4	145.9	151.4	+ 3.8
Mineral fuels	1.030	200.8	182.6	189.2	+ 3.6
Non-metal mines except coal mines .....	.385	263.9	257.8	248.2	- 3.7
Manufacturing	24.741	168.1	170.1	168.1	- 1.2
Non-durable manufacturing	13.608	152.8	154.7	155.6	+ 0.6
Foods and beverages	3.547	147.0	148.5	148.3	- 0.1
Tobacco products industries .....	.233	111.3	125.4	141.2	+12.6
Rubber industries .....	.411	147.3	142.6	170.1	+19.3
Leather industries .....	.293	95.4	98.0	96.4	- 1.6
Textile industries .....	.904	180.3	188.7	183.9	- 2.5
Knitting mills .....	.218	138.8	136.5	135.1	- 1.0
Clothing industries .....	.854	118.4	117.7	119.6	+ 1.6
Paper and allied industries	2.675	155.5	153.6	150.5	- 2.0
Printing, publishing and allied industries	1.353	141.2	144.6	145.2	+ 0.4
Petroleum and coal products industries .....	.583	152.0	152.3	166.9	+ 9.6
Chemical and chemical products industries	1.682	175.7	182.4	181.2	- 0.7
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries .....	.855	185.3	186.2	188.9	+ 1.5
Durable manufacturing	11.133	186.7	189.0	183.4	- 3.0
Wood industries	1.117	141.6	140.7	125.1	-11.1
Furniture and fixtures industries .....	.448	152.3	147.6	150.7	+ 2.1
Primary metal industries	2.256	167.0	166.2	159.8	- 3.9
Metal fabricating industries (except machinery and transportation equipment industries)	1.857	165.4	169.3	168.2	- 0.6
Machinery industries (except electrical machinery) .....	.995	222.9	222.8	216.9	- 2.6
Transportation equipment industries	2.001	249.6	260.5	256.1	- 1.7
Electrical products industries	1.572	206.5	207.7	202.4	- 2.6
Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	.887	138.1	137.1	130.3	- 5.0
Electric Power, Gas and Water Utilities	2.812	203.0	206.4	203.4	- 1.5

SECURITIES

3. Securities Between Canada and Other Countries

The following is a revision of the release published under this heading in the July 10 issue of the DBS Weekly. Underlinings indicate correction of errors in the earlier release.

A series of successive inflows dating from October 1969 was reversed in April when international transactions in outstanding securities gave rise to a net outflow of \$5.4 million. Net sales of foreign securities were more than offset by net purchases of Canadian issues, and gross trading increased in value by some 11% over March's level as stock price indexes in both Canada and the United States declined. Geographically net outflows of \$3.5 million and \$3.8 million resulted from trading with the United States and the United Kingdom, and inflows of \$1.6 million and \$0.3 million with other European countries and all other countries respectively.

Transactions in Canadian securities gave rise to a net outflow of \$17 million. Trading in debt issues was relatively high, comprising close to 30% of all transactions and led on balance to outflows of \$4.8 million. Transactions with the United States in both stocks and bonds accounted for approximately half of gross trading, giving rise to a net outflow of \$12.9 million, while transactions with the United Kingdom, and other European countries produced respectively a net outflow of \$6.6 million and a net inflow of \$2.0 million. Minor trading with all other countries led to a net inflow of \$0.5 million.

Transactions in outstanding foreign securities led to a net inflow of \$11.6 million, \$3.3 million more than in March, but still significantly lower than the net inflows experienced in December 1969 and the first two months of 1970. Net inflows of \$6.8 million arose from trading in United States equities, and of \$3.4 million in equities of the United Kingdom. Trading in all types of foreign securities led to net inflows of \$9.4 million from the United States and \$2.8 million from the United Kingdom, while net outflows of \$0.4 million and \$0.2 million occurred in trading with other European countries and the rest of the world respectively.

In the first four months of 1970, net sales of \$112 million took place substantially above the figure of \$44 million during the same period in 1969. Net sales of approximately \$95 million, \$8 million and \$9 million resulted from trading with residents of the United States, United Kingdom and other European countries respectively, while transactions with residents of other countries gave rise to almost no net movement of capital. By comparison net inflows of \$44 million occurred in the first four months of 1969 comprised of net purchases of \$24 million from trading with the United States, and net sales of \$15 million, \$36 million and \$17 million from trading with the United Kingdom, other European countries and all other countries respectively.

PRICES

4. Price Movements, June 1970 (62-001), 10¢/\$1.00

The consumer price index for Canada rose by 0.2% to 129.9 in June from 129.6 in May. The June 1970 level was 3.2% above that for June 1969, reflecting the lowest rate of increase for any consecutive twelve months since the Spring of 1967. The rise in food prices in the latest month, at 0.5%, was about half the average May to June increase in this component over the past five years. The housing index moved up by 0.2% since the preceding month, as did the transportation and the recreation and reading components. Clothing prices edged up by 0.1%, while the health and personal care and the tobacco and alcohol indexes were unchanged from a month earlier.

Consumer Price Index and Main Components
(1961=100)

Component Weight(1)	Index			% change	
	1970		1969	June 1970 from	
	June	May	June	May 1970	June 1969
All items	100	129.9	129.6	125.9	+ 0.2 + 3.2
Food	27	130.9	130.3	127.8	+ 0.5 + 2.4
Housing(2)	32	130.7	130.4	124.7	+ 0.2 + 4.8
Clothing	11	126.9	126.8	124.9	+ 0.1 + 1.6
Transportation ...	12	125.1	124.8	120.6	+ 0.2 + 3.7
Health and personal care	7	139.8	139.8	134.2	- + 4.2
Recreation and reading	5	130.3	130.1	127.4	+ 0.2 + 2.3
Tobacco and alcohol	6	126.5	126.5	125.8	- + 0.6

All-items consumer price index converted to 1949=100 is 167.8.

(1) Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

(2) This index is composed of shelter and household operation.

The food index rose 0.5% to 130.9 in June from 130.3 in May, largely as a result of higher prices for vegetables and fruits. Specific produce items which recorded increases of 10% or more in the latest month were: potatoes, tomatoes, celery, turnips and grapefruit. Among staple goods, sugar and ground coffee prices were higher for the fifth consecutive month. Instant coffee, on the other hand, evidenced a slight price decline since May and has risen only 3.3% in the past year as compared with a rise of 14.8% in the price of ground coffee. In the meat, fish and poultry component, lower prices were registered since the preceding month for most pork items and for turkey. Chicken prices, however, rose 2.1% in June to reach the same level as a year earlier. Though the price of beef increased by 1.2% in the latest month, it was still 5.3% below its corresponding level of twelve months earlier. Egg prices edged down fractionally between May and June, making this the sixth consecutive month of decline. The food index for June stood 2.4% higher than a year earlier, with the price level of food consumed at home up by 1.3% and restaurant meal prices, which reflect more rapidly rising service costs, up by 7.3% over the twelve-month period.

The housing index rose 0.2% to 130.7 in June from 130.4 in May. Higher rents, notably in Montreal, accounted for most of the 0.3% increase in the shelter component. The home-ownership index edged up by 0.1%. In the household operation component, which rose 0.3%, the most important increases were recorded in the prices of furniture, electricity and utensils. Appliance prices, reflecting some reduction in demand, edged down by 0.2% to a level 1.1% below the same month last year. The June housing index was 4.8% higher than in June 1969.

The clothing index rose 0.1% in June to 126.9 from 126.8 in May. A decline of 0.5% in the price of women's wear was more than offset by increases of 0.6% in the prices of men's wear and clothing services and lesser increases for footwear and children's wear. The clothing index stood 1.6% above its level for June the previous year.

The transportation index rose by 0.2% to 125.1 in June from 124.8 in the preceding month. The travel element advanced by 3.1% as a result of seasonal increases in rail and bus fares. A fractional increase in the automobile operation component resulted from higher lubrication charges. The transportation index stood 3.7% above its level of twelve months previous.

The health and personal care index was unchanged in June at 139.8, though the personal care component declined marginally in the latest month as a result of lower prices for soap and toothpaste. The health and personal care index was 4.2% higher than a year earlier.

The recreation and reading index rose 0.2% to 130.3 in June from 130.1 in May. Higher newspaper subscription rates in Vancouver raised the reading component 1.1%. On the other hand, lower prices for radio and television sets outweighed some higher quotations for sports equipment and led to a decline of 0.3% in the recreation component. The June recreation and reading component was 2.3% above a year earlier.

The tobacco and alcohol index, at 126.5, was unchanged from May and was 0.6% higher than in June of last year.

Security Price Indexes

The investors index of common stock prices (1956=100) rose 1.5% to 166.5 from 164.0 in the four-week period May 28th to June 25th. Among the three major groups, industrials remained unchanged at 170.5, utilities rose 4.4% to 146.4 and finance moved up 6.1% to 173.5. Within industrials, widespread losses on the stock exchanges on June 11th resulted in almost all sub-groups dropping below their May 28th level but most of them recovered in the following week and some ended higher than they were at the beginning of the month. In all, indexes for six sub-groups increased and seven decreased, with increases ranging from 7.5% for petroleum to 0.2% for primary metals, while decreases ranged from 11.2% for chemicals to 1.1% for non-metallic minerals. In utilities, indexes for four of the five sub-groups increased, with pipelines (up 8.0%) registering the largest increase, followed by gas distribution up 6.9%. Transportation dropped 2.6% to 170.3. In finance, banks rose 5.2% to 187.7. Investment and loan showed a considerable rise between May 28th and June 4th, and then fluctuated lightly to finish the month 8.7% higher.

In the same period, the index of mining stock prices rose 3.3% to 99.5 from 96.3 as a result of increases of 7.8% for golds and 0.9% for base metals. Golds touched a yearly low of 96.4 at the beginning of the month, but ended the month at 104.9.

Of the two supplementary price indexes, uraniums rose 2.1% to 113.1 and primary oils and gas moved up 5.2% to 152.6.

PRICES (concluded)

Wholesale Price Indexes¹

The price index of thirty industrial materials (1935-1939=100), calculated as an unweighted geometric average, declined 0.4% to 273.4 from 274.6 in the three-week period May 29th to June 19th. Prices were lower for nine commodities, higher for three and unchanged for eighteen. Principal changes included decreases for tin, steers, sisal, iron ore, bleached pulp sulphite, raw cotton, raw rubber and domestic wheat while increases occurred for rosin, linseed oil and raw sugar.

In the same three-week period, the price index of Canadian farm products at terminal markets declined 1.6% to 274.4 from 278.9. The animal products index moved 2.5% lower to 352.6 from 361.7 reflecting price decreases for lambs, eggs, steers and calves on both Eastern and Western markets, and for hogs in the West. Higher prices were shown for raw wool in the East. The field products index was unchanged at 196.1. Lower prices recorded for hay on both Eastern and Western markets, for oats in the East and for potatoes and rye in the West, were offset by price decreases for potatoes on the Eastern market.

¹ All 1970 indexes are subject to revision. For Canadian farm products, no final payments for the crop year August 1968 - July 1969 were announced on March 5, 1970, for wheat, oats and barley.

5.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES
(1935-1939=100)

	June*	May*	June	May	% Change	
					June/70	June/70
	1970	1970	1969	1969	May/70	June/69
General Wholesale Index	286.2	288.2 ^r	284.7	283.1	- 0.7	+ 0.5
Vegetable products	237.2	239.3	238.9	238.4	- 0.9	- 0.7
Animal products	325.5	329.8	338.6	326.7	- 1.3	- 3.9
Textile products	257.3	257.7	257.1	257.0	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Wood products	378.1	377.5	390.8	394.2	+ 0.2	- 3.2
Iron products	306.2	307.0	284.4	284.0	- 0.3	+ 7.7
Non-ferrous metals	281.0	288.9 ^r	258.4	258.7	- 2.7	+ 8.7
Non-metallic minerals	214.5	214.3	210.1	210.4	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Chemical products	225.3	224.5	218.6	218.6	+ 0.4	+ 3.1
Iron and non-ferrous metals (excluding gold)	354.9	360.4 ^r	324.0	324.0	- 1.5	+ 9.5
Raw and partly manufactured goods	265.3	270.3 ^r	263.2	260.3	- 1.8	+ 0.8
Fully and chiefly manufactured goods	297.9	298.2	296.6	296.0	- 0.1	+ 0.4

* These indexes are preliminary.

r Revised.

Note More detailed information will be released in the monthly publication "Prices and Price Indexes" catalogue number 62-002, price 40c/\$4.00

TRANSPORTATION

6. Railway Carloadings - Week ended June 21, 1970 - Advance information

Revenue freight loaded onto railway cars in Canada during the 7-day period ended June 21 totalled 78,627 carloads, up 14.9% from a total of 68,447 in the comparable period in 1969. This increase may be attributed to both Western and Eastern Canadian operations. Loadings in Western Canada were up 17.1% to 32,687 cars, while loadings East of the Lakehead rose 13.3% to 45,940 cars. It should be noted that 1969 carloads in Eastern Canada were adversely affected by a strike at iron ore mines in Northeastern Quebec.

Year-to-date total carloadings were up 1.5% to 1,766,265 cars from 1,740,680 cars in the 1969 period. Western loadings rose 5.0% to 674,460, while Eastern loadings dropped 0.6% to 1,091,805 cars.

Further details will be released in the monthly publication "Carloadings" catalogue number 52-001, price, 20¢/\$2.00.

Railway Carloadings of Revenue Freight in Canada

			Year	East	West	Canada
<u>7-day Period ending</u>						
<u>June 21</u>						
All traffic	- cars	1970	45,940	32,687	78,627	
All traffic	- cars	1969	40,544	27,903	68,447	
All traffic	- tons	1970	2,453,630	1,684,143	4,137,773	
Piggyback traffic	- cars	1970	2,826	1,523	4,349	
Piggyback traffic	- tons	1970	54,833	31,804	86,637	
<u>Year-to-date</u>						
All traffic	- cars	1970	1,091,805	674,460	1,766,265	
All traffic	- cars	1969	1,098,166	642,514	1,740,680*	
All traffic	- tons	1970	57,709,071	34,978,463	92,687,534	
Piggyback traffic	- cars	1970	65,739	34,972	100,711	
Piggyback traffic	- tons	1970	1,222,946	720,514	1,943,460	

* Revised.

7. Railway Operating Statistics, 1967 (52-206), 25¢

Canadian railway operating expenses increased in 1969 to \$1,488,773,502, or 3.9% above 1968 expenses, while operating revenues increased only 3.5% to \$1,581,334,981. As a result, net operating income decreased to \$92,561,479 from \$94,624,587 in 1968.

Revenue freight also decreased 4.7% to 231,217,882 tons, but the average haul increased by 26 miles to 410 miles so that the ton-miles rose to 94,690 in 1969 from 93,147 in the previous year.

Passenger count decreased 3.7% to 23,699,748, and the average passenger journey was reduced by 5 miles to 102 miles. Revenue per passenger mile increased to 2.727¢ in 1969 from 2.542 in 1968.

TRANSPORTATION (concluded)

8. Shipping Statistics, April 1970 - Advance information

Canadian ports loaded and unloaded 22,524,612 tons of cargo (both international and coastwise shipping) in April 1970, an increase of 21,027,231 tons handled in April 1969. This brought the cumulative January-to-April total to 54,354,766 tons in 1970, up from 50,423,397 tons in 1969 and 48,388,880 tons in 1968.

Spurred by April increases in iron ore and wheat transportation, international seaborne shipping (including the St. Lawrence Seaway) showed a year-to-date total of 31,331,216 cargo tons compared to 23,023,550 tons in coastwise shipping.

Further details will be contained in the DBS publication "Shipping Statistics", April 1970 (catalogue number 54-002), 20¢/\$2.00

9. Summary of Canal Statistics - May 1970 - Advance information

Canadian canal networks carried 15,132,622 tons of cargo in May 1970, compared to 10,700,850 tons in May 1969, greater coal and grain traffic and uninterrupted iron ore shipments contributing to the increase. This brings the cumulative total for the first two months (April and May) of the canal season to 23,908,741 tons in 1970, versus 18,967,859 tons in 1969.

Further details will be contained in the DBS publication "Summary of Canal Statistics" (catalogue number 54-001), \$1 per year.

TRAVEL

10. Urban Transit

A total of 83,167,884 initial passenger fares (excluding transfers) was collected by 63 urban transit systems during May, a decrease of 3.6% from the 86,278,884 passengers reported by 66 firms in 1969. Initial passenger fares on motor buses decreased to 56,826,403 from 57,675,359. Trolley coaches carried 7,017,887 (8,955,457); street cars, 5,459,295 (5,694,718) and subway cars, 13,170,699 initial fare passengers compared to 13,110,172 reported in May 1969.

Vehicle miles travelled by all types of urban transit vehicles totalled 20,850,673 compared to 21,391,444 miles in May 1969.

The consumption of diesel fuel amounted to 2,516,871 gallons, an increase over the 2,411,689 gallons in 1969. Gasoline consumption increased to 281,409 gallons from 263,624 gallons and the consumption of liquified petroleum gases increased to 16,675 gallons from 13,419 gallons in May 1969.

Total operating revenue for the current month fell to \$192,254,474, a decrease of 2.9% from the \$19,821,117 in May 1969.

T R A V E L (concluded)

11. Passenger Bus Statistics

A total of 3,976,252 passengers were carried by 55 intercity and rural bus companies while 3,876,288 passengers were transported by 53 companies in May 1969, an increase of 2.6%.

Vehicle miles totalled 10,098,138 compared with 9,946,052 in May 1969. The consumption of diesel oil and gasoline amounted to 1,283,597 and 89,258 gallons respectively, compared with 1,268,883 and 86,398 in May last year.

Total operating revenue amounted to \$6,400,920, an increase of 2.9% from the \$6,221,802 revenue for the same month in 1969.

Further details will be released in "Passenger Bus Statistics" catalogue number 53-002, 10¢/\$1.00

C H E Q U E S

12. Cheques Cashed in Clearing Centres, April 1970 (61-001), 20¢/\$2.00

The value of cheques cashed in fifty clearing centres totalled \$69,331 million in April, 14.4% above the value for the corresponding month of 1969. Payments in Ontario increased by 17.0%, in Quebec by 13.9%, in the Atlantic Provinces by 13.7%, in the Prairie Provinces by 11.6% and in British Columbia by 4.9%.

In the first four months of 1970 the value of cheques cashed was 10.2% above the value for the same period of 1969. The Atlantic Provinces showed an increase of 15.7%, Ontario, 14.7%, the Prairie Provinces, 13.0%, British Columbia, 3.9% and Quebec, 2.1%.

H O S P I T A L

13. Hospital Statistics, Volume I - Hospital Beds, 1968 (83-210), \$1.00

The number of hospitals operating in Canada excluding mental institutions and tuberculosis sanatoria decreased in 1968 to 1,269 from 1,277 in 1967, but the number of rated beds increased 2.1% to 143,486. Of the total rated bed capacity, 1,043 public hospitals accounted for 90.5% (129,856 beds).

In public general hospitals, standard ward accommodation accounted for 60.4% of the beds set up for actual use in 1968, and standard ward rates were charged for 67.5% of the patient-days. Provincial plans paid for 95.4% of the patient-days for adults and children.

Average daily population in public general hospitals was 88,238 adults and children, up 3.7% from 1967, and 28.2 adults and children were admitted per rated bed (27.7 in 1967).

Public general hospitals had an occupancy rate of 79.7% in 1968 versus 78.7% in 1967. Average length of stay of adults and children (10.3 days) and newborn babies (6.8 days) remained unchanged from the previous year.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN CANADA

May 1970	Total number of dwelling units	Value of residential and non-residential construction						
		Residential			Indus- trial	Commer- cial	Insti- tutional and Govern- ment	Total
		New	Repair	Total				
thousands of dollars								
Newfoundland	111	1,692	195	1,887	—	234	31	2,152
Prince Edward Island	16	238	3	241	—	271	—	512
Nova Scotia	869	9,625	284	9,909	34	4,097	55	14,095
New Brunswick	165	2,035	304	2,339	521	1,014	509	4,383
Quebec	3,029	32,756	1,879	34,635	3,959	7,098	31,758	77,450
Ontario	7,858	108,970	4,068	113,038	19,745	30,756	71,811	235,350
Manitoba	635	7,013	291	7,304	370	2,505	7,818	17,997
Saskatchewan	60	1,057	140	1,197	303	559	3,183	5,242
Alberta	1,451	18,082	421	18,503	470	5,584	2,463	27,020
British Columbia	1,418	22,123	937	23,060	2,109	18,304	2,834	46,307
Canada	15,612	203,591	8,522	212,113	27,511	70,422	120,462	430,508

METROPOLITAN AREAS

Calgary	501	5,533	154	5,687	301	1,227	134	7,249
Edmonton	667	8,215	120	8,335	145	2,222	587	11,289
Halifax	621	6,409	104	6,513	8	3,672	—	10,193
Hamilton	206	3,293	338	3,631	1,896	883	1,505	7,915
Hull	87	1,160	63	1,223	95	48	—	1,366
Kitchener	331	3,403	106	3,509	200	1,475	7,537	12,721
London	125	2,013	107	2,120	442	797	414	3,773
Montreal	761	8,287	526	8,813	2,586	3,979	17,438	32,816
Ottawa	816	11,524	94	11,618	721	955	42,777	56,071
Quebec	1,238	13,264	293	13,557	78	549	655	14,839
Regina	11	226	46	272	303	154	2,413	3,142
Saint John	33	529	119	648	336	194	70	1,248
St. Johns	69	1,289	82	1,371	—	141	30	1,542
Saskatoon	6	164	30	194	—	112	8	314
Sudbury	149	2,435	139	2,574	28	247	3,395	6,244
Toronto	2,452	33,172	444	33,616	10,876	16,264	2,762	63,518
Vancouver	604	9,162	467	9,629	382	14,410	1,880	26,301
Victoria	149	2,695	106	2,801	54	451	410	3,716
Windsor	195	3,856	276	4,132	826	546	4,385	9,889
Winnipeg	536	5,833	212	6,045	206	2,200	2,015	10,466

Preliminary figures.

Cat. 64-001

TELEPHONE

15. Telephone Statistics, 1969 (56-202), 25c

Canada's 16 largest telephone systems operated 9,006,512 telephones (6,348,405 residential and 2,658,107 business) in 1969. This represents an increase of 6% over the 1968 total of 8,527,491. The firms employed 65,290 persons full-time (64,745 in 1968) and paid \$473,244,691 in wages and salaries (\$428,421,734 in the previous year). Overall cost of plant increased 10% to \$5,865,229,769 (\$5,346,744,548 in 1968).

ENERGY

16. Refined Petroleum Products, April 1970 - Advance information

Canadian refineries produced 34,664,734 barrels of refined petroleum products in April 1970, an increase of 8.2% over April 1969.

Further details will be contained in the DBS publication "Refined Petroleum Products" (catalogue number 45-004, \$5 per year).

MERCHANDISING

17. Shopping Centres in Canada, 1968

Total sales and receipts of retail and service outlets in shopping centres in 1968 amounted to \$2,999 million, an increase of 12.6% over the \$2,664 million reported in 1967. Of the 1968 total, retail trades accounted for 95.8% and service trades, 4.2%.

Retail sales in shopping centres almost tripled from 1961 to 1968, rising to \$2,873 million from \$976 million. In 1961, about 5.5% of all retail sales in Canada took place in shopping centres. By 1968 this share had more than doubled, to an estimated 11.2%. Considering only those trades usually found in shopping centres (excluding, principally, motor car dealers, general stores, and fuel dealers), sales of retail stores in shopping centres in 1968 accounted for 14.3% of the comparable total retail trades in Canada. From 1967 to 1968 retail sales in shopping centres rose by 12.6%, compared with an estimated 6.2% increase of all retail sales.

Receipts of service establishments in shopping centres in 1968 rose to more than \$126 million, an increase of 12.9% over the 1967 total of just below \$112 million.

18. Retail Trade, May 1970 (63-005, 30c/\$3.00)

Retail sales amounted to \$2,404,619,000 in May, a decrease of 1.0% from May 1969. The sharpest declines occurred in sales of motor vehicle dealers (10.0%), and fuel dealers (9.9%) and in the provinces of Saskatchewan (6.6%) and Alberta (6.2%).

The 10.0% drop in motor vehicle dealers' sales during May marks the seventh successive month in which their sales decreased from the same month of the previous year. Previous months' decreases were: November, 6.4%; December, 1.6%; January, 9.9%; February, 18.4%; March, 14.2%; and April, 10.6%.

The largest sales increases in May occurred in men's clothing stores and service stations and garages (both 5.7% above May 1969) followed by grocery and combination stores (4.2%). Only the Maritime Provinces showed increases, lead by Nova Scotia (7.8%) and Newfoundland (4.9%).

MERCHANDISING (continued)

Retail Trade, Chain and Independent Stores, by Kind of Business

Canada

May 1970

Kind of business	Chain store sales	Independent store sales	All stores	
			Sales	May 1970 May 1969
		\$'000		%
Grocery and combination stores	309,002	269,635	578,637	+ 4.2
All other food stores	6,239	80,149	86,389	+ 0.4
Department stores	226,786	-	226,786	- 2.2
General merchandise stores	46,379	17,565	63,944	- 7.5
General stores	8,247	77,991	86,238	+ 2.4
Variety stores	31,208	7,425	38,633	+ 1.3
Motor vehicle dealers	6,340	380,341	386,681	- 10.0
Service stations and garages	20,758	218,326	239,084	+ 5.7
Men's clothing stores	8,841	26,685	35,526	+ 5.7
Women's clothing stores	14,993	28,324	43,317	- 0.4
Family clothing stores	8,578	21,087	29,665	- 0.9
Shoe stores	11,773	15,409	27,181	- 2.6
Hardware stores	7,704	36,464	44,168	- 0.8
Furniture, T.V., radio and appliance stores	14,258	55,191	69,449	- 8.9
Fuel dealers	4,610	20,768	25,378	- 9.9
Drug stores	10,326	54,671	64,997	+ 2.0
Jewellery stores	4,846	13,102	17,948	- 3.8
All other stores	142,891	197,706	340,598	- 0.5
Total, all stores	883,779	1,520,839	2,404,619	- 1.0

Retail Trade, Chain and Independent Stores, by Province

Newfoundland	12,105	29,935	42,039	+ 4.9
Prince Edward Island	2,564	7,375	9,939	+ 4.7
Nova Scotia	24,621	59,769	84,391	+ 7.8
New Brunswick	20,754	39,988	60,744	+ 2.0
Quebec	190,758	428,084	618,841	- 0.7
Ontario	387,749	559,766	947,513	- 0.3
Manitoba	37,814	68,067	105,881	- 0.5
Saskatchewan	25,578	61,731	87,313	- 6.6
Alberta	70,335	113,557	183,892	- 6.2
British Columbia(1)	111,498	152,564	264,064	- 3.4

(1) Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

MERCHANDISING (concluded)

Retail Trade, by Kind of Business - Seasonally Adjusted

Kind of business	May 1970	April 1970	March 1970	February 1970
	millions of dollars			
Grocery and combination stores	542.0	543.7	546.2	542.4
All other food stores	83.6	78.2	82.5	83.2
Department stores	239.7	234.8	220.9	221.6
General merchandise stores	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
General stores	81.5	80.4	80.4	80.9
Variety stores	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Motor vehicle dealers	322.4	324.0	312.4	302.1
Service stations and garages	223.2	219.3	213.8	218.8
Men's clothing stores	35.7	33.5	33.1	35.2
Women's clothing stores	41.3	39.9	39.8	40.8
Family clothing stores	30.4	29.0	31.1	30.7
Shoe stores	26.3	25.3	24.3	26.0
Hardware stores	38.9	35.0	35.6	35.3
Furniture, T.V., radio and appliance stores	72.6	70.4	69.9	71.5
Fuel dealers	33.3	42.7	35.3	34.3
Drug stores	66.3	63.9	65.1	66.9
Jewellery stores	19.3	19.8	19.3	21.4
All other stores	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Total, all stores	2,279.2	2,263.2	2,243.0	2,257.5

Retail Trade, by Province - Seasonally Adjusted

Newfoundland	40.0	41.1	39.8	42.1
Prince Edward Island	9.5	9.9	10.3	10.4
Nova Scotia	79.1	78.6	75.2	76.8
New Brunswick	56.2	56.1	55.7	55.6
Quebec	582.3	571.2	569.5	576.6
Ontario	903.8	905.9	884.4	869.7
Manitoba	100.9	97.5	100.4	102.5
Saskatchewan	85.3	77.6	78.0	85.0
Alberta	176.0	178.5	176.9	183.9
British Columbia(1)	260.7	252.5	254.4	256.3

(1) Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

(2) Not available.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

19. Control and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages, April 1969 to March 1970 -
Advance information

Federal and provincial governments derived revenue of \$847,000,000 from the control and sale of alcoholic beverages in the fiscal year ended March 31, 1969. This is an increase of \$59,000,000 or 8% over the previous fiscal year.

The value of imports was \$46,000,000 and that of exports \$162,000,000. In the previous fiscal year imports were valued at \$47,000,000 and exports at \$159,000,000.

Further details will be released in the publication "Control and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in Canada", 1968 (63-202), 50c.

The value and volume of sales of alcoholic beverages in the years ended March 31, 1968 and 1969 are given in the following tables:

VALUE OF SALES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

FISCAL YEARS ENDED MARCH 31

	Spirits		Wines		Beer		Total	
	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
	(\$ thousand)							
Newfoundland.....	12,362	13,239	730	834	18,667	18,936	31,759	33,009
Prince Edward Island.	4,491	4,853	436	479	2,854	3,254	7,781	8,586
Nova Scotia.....	25,788	29,459	3,414	3,876	22,195	25,316	51,397	58,651
New Brunswick.....	18,373	24,913	2,906	3,520	16,941	19,346	38,220	47,779
Quebec.....	160,220	110,853	35,056	26,792	158,173	174,339	353,449	311,984 (1)
Ontario.....	291,653	359,442	41,342	54,407	226,764	240,651	559,759	654,500
Manitoba.....	34,622	37,577	4,908	5,583	34,130	35,680	73,660	78,840
Saskatchewan.....	32,431	34,441	4,813	5,288	31,676	32,096	68,920	71,825
Alberta.....	60,675	66,640	8,778	10,249	46,753	48,900	116,206	125,789
British Columbia.....	90,551	99,656	14,815	18,227	63,720	67,105	169,086	184,988
Yukon.....	1,527	1,800	265	292	1,298	1,634	3,090	3,726
Northwest Territories	1,675	1,960	286	324	1,502	1,698	3,463	3,982
Totals.....	734,368	784,833	117,749	129,871	624,673	668,955	1,476,790	1,583,659

(1) Includes 8% retail sales tax collected at outlets, \$10,140 thousand.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (concluded)

VOLUME OF SALES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

FISCAL YEARS ENDED MARCH 31

	Spirits		Wines		Beer		Total	
	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
Thousands of Gallons								
Newfoundland.....	364	347	58	59	4,700	4,494	5,122	4,900
Prince Edward Island..	130	134	49	53	781	967	960	1,154
Nova Scotia.....	819	872	420	458	7,973	8,653	9,212	9,983
New Brunswick.....	538	701	341	398	5,884	6,237	6,763	7,336
Quebec.....	4,892	2,969	3,769	2,599	94,580	99,150	103,241	104,718
Ontario.....	9,383	10,836	4,652	5,861	113,476	110,658	127,511	127,355
Manitoba.....	1,046	1,078	611	698	13,920	14,151	15,577	15,927
Saskatchewan.....	986	968	633	648	12,333	11,847	13,952	13,463
Alberta.....	1,724	1,811	1,138	1,314	21,478	22,255	24,340	25,380
British Columbia.....	2,987	3,110	1,998	2,349	29,660	29,936	34,645	35,395
Yukon.....	40	45	23	25	321	394	384	464
Northwest Territories	37	45	22	25	305	355	364	425
Totals.....	22,946	22,916	13,714	14,487	305,411	309,097	342,071	346,500

MANUFACTURING

20. Radio and Television Receiving Sets

Manufacturers' sales of radio receiving sets in April amounted to 135,893 units, bringing January to April sales to 504,032 units. Television set sales totalled 41,541 units in April and 117,618 units in the year to date. The number of coloured television receiving units, sold during the month of April, included in the total, was 17,792 units.

21. Asphalt and Vinyl-Asbestos Floor Tile, May 1970 (47-001), 10¢/\$1.00

Production of vinyl-asbestos floor tile during May amounted to 6,477 tons or 14,174,307 square feet compared to 8,280 tons or 18,469,731 square feet in May 1969. For the year to date, production was 30,998 tons (66,405,789 square feet) in 1970 and 41,795 tons (91,677,915 square feet) in 1969.

22. Asbestos, May 1970 (26-001), 10¢/\$1.00

Producers' shipments of asbestos in May were 138,131 tons compared to 145,056 tons in May 1969. Year-to-date figures were 564,047 tons in 1970 and 554,979 tons in 1969.

MANUFACTURING (continued)

23. Rigid Insulating Board, May 1970 (36-002), 10¢/\$1.00
Shipments of wood fibre insulating board in May amounted to 36,911,466 square feet (1/2 inch basis) compared to 41,659,391 square feet in May 1969. This brought the year-to-date totals to 184,044,916 square feet in 1970 and 215,760,957 square feet in 1969.
24. Production and Consumption of Rubber, May 1970 - Advance information
May production of rubber increased by 2.2% to 42,730 thousand pounds from 41,819 thousand pounds in May 1969. For the year to date, production increased by 3.7% to 210,388 thousand pounds from 202,820 thousand pounds in 1969. May consumption of rubber was up 6.5% in 1970, at 37,402 thousand pounds compared to 35,127 thousand pounds consumed in May 1969. For the year to date, consumption increased by 3.3% to 186,246 thousand pounds from 180,254 in 1969.
Further details will be released in Consumption, Production and Inventories of Rubber (33-003), 20¢/\$2.00
25. Phonograph Records and Pre-Recorded Tapes, May 1970 - Advance information
During May, 3,012,125 Canadian phonograph records were produced, bringing year-to-date production to 17,467,620 records. Corresponding figures for 1969 are 3,215,882 and 19,296,391.
A new survey showed that production of pre-recorded tapes totalled 200,245 tapes in May and 1,458,586 from January 1 to May 31.
26. Pulpwood and Wood Residue, May 1970 - Advance information
Roundwood produced in May 1970 decreased by 12% to 1,051,661 cunits from 1,192,186 cunits in May 1969. Consumption of roundwood and wood residue decreased by 2% to 2,028,050 cunits from 2,066,951 cunits and the closing inventory of these two products decreased by 1% to 9,280,679 cunits from 9,372,244. Receipts of wood residue decreased by 20% to 457,111 cunits from 571,318 in the 1969 month.
More detailed information will be released in the monthly publication Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics, catalogue number 25-001, price 10¢/\$1.00
27. Steel Ingots
Steel ingot production for the week ended July 11, 1970 totalled 231,341 tons, an increase of 10.5% from the preceding week's total of 209,384 tons. The comparable week's total in 1969 was 220,931 tons. The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1957-1959 of 96,108 equalling 100 was 241 in the current week, 218 a week earlier and 230 one year ago.

MANUFACTURING (concluded)

28. Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers, May 1970 - Advance information

	Total Canada sales	Exports	Stocks at end of month
	number of units		
Washing machines (domestic):			
Automatic	15,276	146	44,265
Conventional	12,734	1,328	29,282
Clothes dryers (domestic):			
Electric	9,303	1	35,484
Gas	374	-	5,841

More information will be released in catalogue 43-002, 10¢/\$1.00

29. Summary of Net Shipments(1) of Rolled Steel Products, May 1970 - Advance information

	Monthly Shipments		
	Domestic	Export	Total
	net tons of 2,000 pounds		
Ingots and semi-finished shapes	28,639	19,402	48,041
Rails	30,329	1,045	31,374
Wire rods	27,281	9,579	36,860
Structural shapes:			
Heavy	49,919	4,070	53,989
Bar-sized shapes	11,861	812	12,673
Concrete reinforcing bars ..	49,191	9,641	58,832
Other hot rolled bars:			
Flats	63,917(2)	7,487(2)	71,404(2)
Other			
Tie plates and track materials.....	10,878	35	10,913
Plates (including plates for pipes and tubes)	100,539	8,105	108,644
Hot rolled sheets	84,097	15,820	99,917
Hot rolled strip	37,292	466	37,758
Cold finished bars	5,842	136	5,978
Cold reduced sheets and strip, cold rolled other, coated (excluding tin) ...	99,734	28,868(3)	128,602
Galvanized sheets	45,520	8,239	53,759
Total	645,039	113,705	758,744

(1) Producers' shipments excluding producers' interchange.

(2) Separate breakdown not available.

(3) Includes 3,469 tons exported for conversion and return.

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

30. Grain Milling Statistics, May 1970 (32-003), \$1.00 a year

The output of wheat flour in Canada in May 1970 amounted to 174.0 tons, 9% above the April output of 158.7 tons, 6% higher than the May 1969 total of 164.7 tons and 6% more than the ten-year (1960-69) average May production of 164.3 tons. Production of wheat flour during the first ten months of the current crop year amounted to 1,658 tons, 5% over the 1,580 tons produced during the same period of the 1968-69 crop year, but 2% less than the ten-year average for the same period. Mill operations during the 25 working days of May 1970 averaged 82.8% of the total 8.4-ton daily capacity. Mills reporting for April operated at 73.3% of their combined rated capacity for 26 days.

31. Sugar Sales, June 1970 - Advance information

Canadian sugar refineries reported total sales of 209,618,267 pounds of all types of sugar (206,846,923 in domestic sales and 2,771,344 in export sales), for June 1970. These figures are the first results of a new DBS survey established to provide earliest possible release of essential sugar information. Monthly findings will be published only in the Daily until further notice. Enquiries should be directed to Mr. T.P. Sterling, Foods, Beverages and Textiles Section, Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, DBS, Ottawa 3 - telephone (613) 992-8619.

32. Stocks of Dairy and Poultry Products, July 1, 1970 (32-009, 20¢/\$2.00)

Cold storage holdings of creamery butter increased 37.9% on July 1 to 89,498,000 pounds from 64,904,000 pounds at July 1, 1969. Stocks of cheddar cheese were down 16.5% to 66,385,000 pounds this year from 79,515,000 pounds while skim milk powder stocks decreased 46.3% to 106,565,000 pounds from 198,337,000 pounds on July 1, 1969. Evaporated whole milk stocks were down 32.9% to 26,744,000 pounds from 39,871,000.

33. Dairy Factory Production, June 1970 (32-002, 10¢/\$1.00)

Production of creamery butter fell by 1% in June to 45,624,000 pounds from 46,173,000 pounds in June 1969. Cheddar cheese production declined by 4% to 22,398,000 pounds from 23,252,000 and production of ice cream mix rose by 8% to 3,520,000 pounds from 3,272,000.

SERVICE BULLETINS

34. Service Bulletins

Energy Statistics, Vol. 5, No. 54, Refined Petroleum Products, 1970

Vol. 5, No. 54, Preliminary Electric Power (57-002)

\$5.00 a year

Aviation Statistics, Vol. 2, No. 28: Number of Canadian Civil Aircraft
Reporting Flying Hours in 1968

Stocks of Canned Fruits and Vegetables Held by Cannerys, by Geographical
Areas, May 1970

Advance Release of Fish Landings, Quebec, May 1970

R E L E A S E D T H I S W E E K

35. Summarized in the Weekly earlier

Sales and Purchases of Securities between Canada and Other Countries,
April 1970 (67-002), 20¢/\$2.00

Estimates of Employees by Province and Industry, April 1970 (72-008),
20¢/\$2.00

Oil Pipe Line Transport, April 1970 (55-001), 20¢/\$2.00

Trade of Canada - Imports by Countries, January-December 1969 (65-006),
\$1.00/\$4.00

Trade of Canada - Exports by Commodities, May 1970 (65-004), 75¢/\$7.50
Employment and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, April 1970 (72-002),
40¢/\$4.00

New Motor Vehicle Sales, May 1970 (63-007), 20¢/\$2.00

STATISTICS CANADA LIBRARY
BIBLIOTHÈQUE STATISTIQUE CANADA



1010762878